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Letter of Appeal
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Reference:

Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 ✓

From:

Sprunt Hill
Wayne County Public Schools

Subject:

Appeal FCD Letter Dated May 16, 2002
Appeal USAC Decision Letter Dated July 8, 2002
Applicant – Wayne County Public School
471 Application Number – 320167
Funding Year 5 (7/01/2002 – 06/30/2003)
FRN – 848485
Services Ordered – Telecommunications

The purpose of this letter is to file an appeal for the Funding Commitment Decision (FCD) as outlined above. The Funding Commitment Decision Explanation given was as follows: Invalid Telecom Provider – Telecommunications service from a provider that Does not provide telecommunications on a common carriage basis.

The service provider we use is GSIwave.com (SPIN 143023740), a wholly owned subsidiary of Global Systems, Inc. (SPIN 143005759). The SPIN number on the above FRNs should have been 143023740 instead of 143005759.

An appeal was sent to Schools and Libraries Division on May 16, 2002. We received notification in a letter dated July 8, 2002 that our appeal was denied because "the telecommunications provider you selected is not eligible to receive universal service support because it does not provide telecommunications services." However, in my conversation with Keith Goldstein from SLD Technical Client Service Bureau, he confirmed that GSIwave.com (SPIN 143023740) is an approved telecommunications carrier.

Could you please review our situation and reconsider since the service provider is the same. The contact for questions is listed below. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

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